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FOR ASST SEC TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), AR

SUBJECT TODMAN VISIT - PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3131

1. MEDIA INTEREST WILL BE EXTREMELY HIGH SINCE YOU
WILL BE THE HIGHEST RANKING US OFFICIAL TO VISIT SINCE THE
INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE OVERTHROW OF
ISABELLE PERON. DESPITE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS ON PART OF
ALL MISSION, MUCH PUZZLEMENT AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING
ABOUT US POLICIES STILL EXIST. BOTH ARGENTINE AND
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WILL COVER AS INTENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE.
GENERAL ARGENTINE REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE POSITIVE
SINCE YOUR STATEMENTS SINCE TAKING OFFICE HAVE RECEIVED
HEAVY AND GENERALLY FAVORABLE COVERAGE.

RECOMMEND THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO MAKE A
NON-SUBSTANTIVE ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT AIRPORT STRESSING
TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP, PRESIDENT'S DEEP AND PERSONAL
INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA, HIS PLEDGE TO CONSULT VERY
CLOSELY WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS IN DEVELOPING
US RESPONSES TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROBLEMS
AND WITHIN THAT CONTEXT OUR DESIRE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY
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WITH ARGENTINA. WE RECOMMEND PRESS CONFERENCE AT
EMBASSY FOR PRESS, RADIO AND TV. AN EMBASSY
INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION
AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND OTHER EVENTS AS DESIRED. IT
IS LIKELY THAT YOU WILL MEET JOURNALISTS AS YOU LEAVE
FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, BUT YOUR
SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS CAN BE RESERVED FOR THE PRESS

CONFERENCE.

3. DO YOU DESIRE SEPARATE BACKGROUNDER WITH US CORRESPONDENTS

(THERE ARE USUALLY FIVE OR SIX IN TOWN) DURING VISIT?

IF SO, SCHEDULE CAN BE ADJUSTED TO ACCOMODATE.

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